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Dear Al:

Adriano Buzzati-Traverso was here some days ago and, in passing, asked me if I had heard of a new antibiotic "bleomycin", and also mentioned your interest in it. I did a quick check on the instant through our bibliographical resources in the Genetics Department and came up with absolutely nothing, nor had I heard of it.

This morning we just received the Permuterm subject indexes from Gene Garfield, so I exercised them on this item. I very promptly came up with the article by H. Unezawa in Cancer 20: 891, 1967. The 1968 source and citation quarterly indices also contain quite a few additional references citing Unezawa.

I am sure that you will have found other means to pursue your inquiry about bleomycin, but I thought that besides this, having some, if even an improbable, substantive value to you, you would be interested in the technique. I was certainly impressed myself.

I was, needless to say, very sorry to hear of the occasion behind the subject and hope that it does have a favorable outcome.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg  
Professor of Genetics

P.S. Thank you for sending me the material on the agro-industrial complex proposal. I haven't digested it quite yet, but it is very much on my agenda to think about. I do have a rather precious kind of reservation about very large capital investments in water resources based on the expectation of some dramatic developments in weather modification. This is not necessarily a very constructive angle to stress.

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